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## Public Safety Full Scale Exercise Planned in Polaris Area

A large real-time, roll-play exercise with more than 250 participants from federal, state, county, city and township agencies will take place on September 30, 2018 at the JP Morgan Chase located at 1111 Polaris Parkway. The Chase property will be closed to those not participating in the exercise.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** This type of training for law enforcement, fire and EMS first responders is important. Full scale exercises help to reinforce other training received in classrooms and training grounds. It is equally important that the public understands that this is only an exercise.

- WHO:** Central Ohio first responders including Police, Fire and EMS, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Franklin County Emergency Management Agency & the Department of Homeland Security
- WHAT:** A large full scale exercise involving Central Ohio law enforcement
- WHEN:** 7 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday, September 30, 2018  
Media video/photos/interview will take place between 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.
- WHERE:** JP Morgan Chase, 1111 Polaris Parkway
- WHY:** To better prepare Central Ohio first responders for large scale emergencies. This type of training reinforces current agency policies as well as helps to identify policies that can be improved upon. It is also an opportunity for different agencies to work together that would otherwise not have that opportunity until an emergency occurred.

**INFORMATION FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN COVERING THE EVENT:** If you want to cover the exercise come in from the north entrance off of Polaris Parkway (next to the Chase bank). There will be a media staging area in the Q parking lot. Most of the action will be inside the building and in secured areas.

**SAMPLE MESSAGING FOR DAY OF EVENT:** There is a full-scale emergency training exercise in North Columbus today with more than 250 participants at JP Morgan Chase on Polaris Parkway. JP Morgan Chase has partnered with Federal, State and local agencies to allow this one day training to take place at their expansive campus. There should not be any impact to surrounding businesses or residences but people in the area may notice a large amount of first responder activity. This is only a drill.

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